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**RE: Allegany Ballistics Laboratory
Draft Final Work Plan
Site 11 - Remedial Investigation**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

The Office of Waste Management/ Superfund section (OWM/Superfund section) has reviewed the *Draft Final Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study work plan for Site 11 Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL), Rocket Center, West Virginia*, received 15 January 1998, and provides the following comments.

General Comments:

1. The document presentation is well organized and clearly presents the scope of work in an easy to follow format. I want to take this opportunity to commend your staff on their efforts regarding this document.

Specific Comments:

1. *2.1 Site Background and Physical Setting:* At this time it is premature to present or indicate the soil cleanup at Site 11 has been achieved. The statement contradicts section 2 Project Description where it is stated the purpose of the RI is to determine the extent and magnitude of soil, alluvial, etc. contamination. I would recommend removing the last sentence of paragraph 4.

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2. *Page 5-12, Investigation-Derived:* Please present a discussion of the collection and containment procedures to be used for drill cuttings and groundwater from the air-rotary drilling.

If there are any questions, or if you require further clarification, please contact me at (304) 558-274.

Sincerely,



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